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THE ONLY IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF NEW SITUATION WILL BE INABILITY
PROCESS REQUESTS ANTICIPATED FOR NEW RPT NEW POSITIONS FOR
FALL MATRIX BY DEADLINE OF 1 MAY 1973 PENDING REVIEW SITUATION
MAY 12. SITUATION IN MBABANE AND THROUGHOUT COUNTRY -- AS
REPORTED BY PCVS -- IS CALM WITH OVERWHELMING -- AND SEEMINGLY
GENUINE -- INITIAL SUPPORT FOR HIS MAJESTY' S ACTIONS. PCVS
ARE CURIOUS BUT CAUTIOUS IN PRESENT SITUATION. THEY HAVE BEEN
REMINDED OF THE APOLITICAL NATURE OF THE PEACE CORPS AND THEIR
INDIVIDUAL STATUS AS GUESTS OF HIS MAJESTY' S GOVERNMENT.
COPIES OF PCD' S MEMORANDUM TO THIS EFFECT SENT TO ALL MINISTRY
PERMSECS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. PCD DOES NOT RPT NOT
EXPECT CHANGES IN THE PCV CLIMATE UNLESS:

1. LOCAL SITUATION DETERIORATES MARKEDLY.
2. USG TAKES ACTIONS THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED BY PCVS AS REA-
SONS TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR PHYSICAL SAFETY OR FUTURE ROLES
-- I. E. DISCUSSIONS OF EVACUATION PLANS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS
OF USG DISAPPROVAL AT COURSE OF EVENTS IN SWAZILAND.

PCD THEREFORE RECOMMENDS:

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1. THAT NO EXTERNAL ACTIONS BE TAKEN THAT WOULD DIRECTLY
PREJUDICE PC/ S' S NORMAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOS COUN-
TERPARTTREMELY ANXIOUS TO MAKE LASH SYSTEM
A SUCCESS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

6. DR MARQUEZ SEEMED RATHER NON- COMMITTAL DURING CONVERSATION.
HE ASKED SEVERAL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, STATED THAT CAVN WOULD NOT
OPPOSE DELTA' S APPLICATION FOR CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AND MADE IT
CLEAR THAT BEFORE CAVN WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY FIRM DECISIONS,
THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH LABOR, MERCHANT MARINE
AND PORT AUTHORITIES AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL. FINAL WORD ON LASH
OPERATION AND ON ANY COOPERATION CAVN WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM
VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.
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